

**N.C. Access and Choice Made Easy**  
**CMS Systems Transformation Grant**

This CMS grant was awarded in 2006 to the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Long Term Services and Supports. It is designed to:

- enhance the long-term support system to maximize individuals' independence, dignity, choice and flexibility
- Promote an integrated system rather than disjointed singular components and
- Implement broader changes and improvements to the system to support quality community-based service options

There are three major goals:

- **Access; Aging and Disability Resource Connections**
  - Increase access to long-term services and supports (LTS) by developing new locations for statewide expansion of [Aging and Disability Resource Connections \(ADRCs\)](#)
  - Improve access to LTS such as through the NCcareLINK web portal
- **Consumer Choice; Person-Centered Thinking, Planning & Organizations**
  - Expand opportunities for [consumer choice and self-direction](#)
  - Develop and implement [person-centered](#) curriculum and training materials
  - Create and make available information and tools for self-management of chronic illnesses or conditions
- **Transformation of Information Technology**
  - Use [information technology](#) to support system change activities, such as Medicaid screening and assessment tools, consumer self-management of chronic conditions and service tracking and quality assurance